

Introduced by Senator Evans

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An act to add Section 4474.11 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to the Sonoma Development Center.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1428, as introduced, Evans. Sonoma Developmental Center: land use.

Existing law vests in the State Department of Developmental Services jurisdiction over state hospitals referred to as developmental centers, including the Sonoma Developmental Center, for providing residential care to persons with developmental disabilities. Under existing law, if the department proposes the closure of a state developmental center, it is required to submit to the Legislature a detailed plan that contains certain information, including, among other things, a description of the land and buildings affected and existing lease arrangements at the developmental center.

This bill would require that, prior to the development of any plan for, or implementation of, any sale, lease, transfer, or major change of use of any portion of the Sonoma Developmental Center, the department and the Department of General Services confer and cooperate with public and private entities in the development of an improvement and redevelopment plan for the center. The bill would authorize the plan to contain specified elements, including plans for the development of new or improved public or private core resident care facilities on the site, the permanent protection, maintenance, operation, and potential

expansion of the wildlife habitat corridor through the property connecting Sonoma Mountain and the Mayacamas Range, the creation of public recreational facilities, and potential expansion of water supply facilities consistent with natural resource protection.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4474.11 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 4474.11. (a) Prior to development of any plan for, or
4 implementation of, any sale, lease, transfer, or major change of
5 use of any portion of the Sonoma Development Center, the
6 department and the Department of General Services shall confer
7 and cooperate with public and private entities in the development
8 of an improvement and redevelopment plan for the center,
9 including, but not limited to:
10 (1) The Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department
11 of Fish and Wildlife, and the San Francisco Bay Conservancy
12 Program of the State Coastal Conservancy.
13 (2) Representatives of the County of Sonoma and other local
14 governmental entities; an organization or organizations representing
15 residents of the center; and with other interested local entities and
16 nonprofit organizations.
17 (b) The plan may include all of the following elements:
18 (1) Development of new or improved public or private core
19 resident care facilities on the site.
20 (2) The permanent protection, maintenance, operation, or
21 expansion of the wildlife habitat corridor through the property
22 connecting Sonoma Mountain and the Mayacamas Range.
23 (3) Creation of public recreational facilities.
24 (4) Potential expansion of water supply facilities consistent with
25 natural resource protection.